Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rural communities in South Dakota are wonderful places to live and work, where people know each other, listen to and respect each other, and work together to benefit the community; and,

Whereas, Rural America is the economic engine that helped the United States become the world leader it is today; and,

Whereas, Rural citizens possess a selfless, creative, community-minded spirit; and,

Whereas, Meeting the unique healthcare needs of those citizens is constantly evolving, as rural communities face accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens; and,

Whereas, Ambulatory and emergency medical services are especially critical in rural America, where 20 percent of the nation's population lives but nearly 60 percent of all trauma deaths occur; and,

Whereas, Rural hospitals reach beyond geographical boundaries to deliver quality care and are typically the economic foundation of their communities; and,

Whereas, Being a rural healthcare provider provides tremendous opportunities to offer more comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered, and holistic care to patients; and,

Whereas, The South Dakota Office of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health play a distinct and critical role by leading efforts to address the unique healthcare needs of our rural citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2017, as

SOUTH DAKOTA RURAL HEALTH DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State